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January Store Sales Perk Up in America Economists Temper Optimism With Warnings of Stagnation

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune NEW YORK — An unexpected spurt in January retail sales, reported Thursday, made markets think the U.S. economy was picking up. Don't bet on it, warned analysts — although they said the data could mean the worst was over.

and attracted little interest from small investors. The auction Thursday of \$10 billion worth of 30-year bonds forced yields up sharply from Wednesday's 7.83 percent, to 7.91 percent in late trading, as dealers sought protection in case interest rates have hit bottom.

U.S. Retail Sales



The Commerce Department reported a rise of 0.6 percent last month in retail sales. It also revised upward the declines of the previous two months by half a percentage point to show sales virtually flat instead of actually declining for Christmas. January may also be revised as more stores report, but probably not enough to show a drop.

The Labor Department reported a decline of 13,000 in the number of new unemployment claims, to 457,000, during the week ending Feb. 1. "Maybe fewer are losing jobs, but even fewer are getting them," said Edward Yardeni of C.J. Lawrence, Morgan Grenfell Inc., noting a 114,000 increase in January applications for emergency unemployment insurance by workers who have exhausted their benefits.

Words used by economists to describe the economy in light of the retail figures generally were "stagnant" and "going nowhere," with the profession wondering whether the pickup will be sustained with few new jobs available and consumer confidence still at recession levels.

Kiosk

Iraq May Tell More on Atom Arms MANAMA, Bahrain (Reuters) — Iraq is ready to come clean on all aspects of its nuclear weapons program to persuade the United Nations to lift sanctions as soon as possible, a UN inspector said Thursday.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones, The Dollar in New York, and other market indicators.

Cuomo, Still Not Running, Whistle-Stops on Prime Time

By Kevin Sack New York Times Service BOSTON — With all the trappings of a campaign, Governor Mario M. Cuomo traveled to the New Hampshire media market to deliver a speech that won as much attention for its timing as for its substance.

Kronberger: The Cream

Petra Kronberger's luck changed at last Thursday when the Austrian star, favored many times before, won her first Olympic title, the combined, by beating teammate and defending champion Anita Wachter. What would have been the third sweep in Olympic history was wiped out when Ulrike Maier, in a snowstorm that one competitor described as skiing through "whipped cream," fell three gates from the end of the second slalom run. That gave Florence Masnada the bronze. France's second medal in Alpine skiing at these Games.

Vegard Ulvang of Norway, in photo below, became the Games' first double-

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gold medalist by winning the men's 10-kilometer cross-country race, after the 30-kilometer. Marjut Luukkainen continued a Finnish tradition, winning the women's five-kilometer race.

Finns: Creamed by U.S.

In a hotly contested hockey match, the United States clinched a berth in the medal round by beating Finland, 4-1. Goalie Ray LeBlanc turned in his second outstanding game. U.S.-born goalie

David Delfino helped Italy's hopes for advancing in a 7-1 victory over Poland. In the final match of the day, Sweden gained the medal round by beating Germany, 3-1, behind former NHL All-Stars Borje Salming and Mats Naslund.

Not Crazy, Just Nuts

A lot of people may think speed skiers must be crazy to shoot down mountains at 130 miles per hour in skintight rubber suits. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Take Dale Womack — just an average, fun-loving 25-year-old. On days off, he relaxes by shooting the Colorado River rapids in the Grand Canyon on a surfboard.

Olympic report: Pages 16 and 17



UN Chief Seeks 10,000 Troops For Yugoslavia

Peacekeeping Plan Draws Warnings From Rebel Serbs

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali is recommending the dispatch of more than 10,000 peacekeepers to Yugoslavia, a UN spokesman announced Thursday.

The Security Council is expected to meet next week to approve the recommendation, the spokesman said, and advance elements of the force will probably arrive about two weeks later.

Deployment of the peacekeeping force is considered important to shore up the shaky six-week ceasefire in Croatia, where a civil war has claimed thousands of lives since it declared independence in June.

Yugoslav and Croatian leaders said Thursday that the UN deployment would help stop the fighting, but rebel Serbs in Croatia said it could lead to further bloodshed.

"The secretary-general is of course conscious that there remain a number of unanswered questions concerning this operation," the UN spokesman said, "and feels strongly that the success of the operation is predicated upon the full cooperation and support of all the parties in Yugoslavia."

This was a reference to objections raised by some leaders in at least one of three Serbian enclaves inside Croatia where the force would set up demilitarized UN protected areas.

Milan Babic, leader of Krajina, the main Serbian enclave in Croatia, pleaded in a letter Thursday to Mr. Boutros Ghali not to make hasty decisions.

"A decision by the Security Council to send 'Blue Helmets' to the territory of the Republic of Serbia Krajina, when we have not given our consent, would certainly cause many casualties," Mr. Babic wrote.

Yeltsin Will Soften 'Shock Therapy'

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, reacting to growing concern that his economic "shock therapy" is impoverishing millions of people, said Thursday that his government would make some changes in its radical plan as a way to better protect the poor, but he declined to give details.

Speaking before a clearly concerned Russian parliament, Mr. Yeltsin acknowledged that severe hardships were occurring as a result of his economic reforms and said, "It has become clear we need series of measures, which cannot be put off, to stimulate our economic course."

The government has already made some small changes in the reforms, such as reducing taxes on the most essential foods to keep their prices within bounds.

But there is growing concern here that old people, lower income workers and others on the minimal pensions paid here will not be able to feed themselves in the coming months because of quickly rising food prices with the move to a market economy.

The number of people now living below the poverty line here has risen dramatically since the freeing of prices on Jan. 2, a fact that has prompted recent deliveries of humanitarian food aid from the United States and other countries. In Moscow, for instance, the government estimates that about 95 percent of the city is now officially below the line.

Mr. Yeltsin said that his administration was drawing up new measures to revamp the nation's dormant agriculture and to better protect the needy. But he and other members of the administration have made it clear that they do not intend to back away from free prices, privatization and other reforms needed to move to a market economy.

Mr. Yeltsin's chief economic aide, Yegor T. Gaidar, said that "so far events have developed according to the optimistic scenario," an apparent reference to the fact that while many are facing extreme circumstances, there has so far been none of the social unrest many predicted.

While prices went up by 200 percent or more in January, store shelves have more on them, and some prices now appear to be going down. In addition, the ruble, which plunged in value after Mr. Yeltsin freed it last December, has slightly strengthened against the dollar in recent days.

And in an interview with the Interfax news agency Thursday, one of Mr. Yeltsin's economic advisers, Alexei Ulyukayev, said that further freeing of prices will soon occur, including the somewhat protected price of bread, but that the government will also give "bread compensation" stipends to pensioners and others most hard-pressed by the price increases.

Television news on Thursday reported that Mr. Yeltsin's cabinet See YELTSIN, Page 2

In the Deep Off Sweden, The (Soviet?) Ping Is Gone

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service STOCKHOLM — After nearly a decade of stalking unseen underwater intruders along their coast, Swedish naval patrols report that the unexplained sonar contacts have stopped in the weeks following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Military and government leaders say the coincidence supports their suspicion that Soviet submarines were responsible for the mysterious activity during much of the 1980s.

Japan's Political 'Godfather' Laments Tensions With U.S.

By Steven R. Weisman New York Times Service TOKYO — The man described as the godfather of Japanese politics is unhappy with some of his country's leaders, saying that their recent criticisms of American work habits have helped to cause relations with the United States to worsen dangerously.



"Some Japanese politicians have caused misunderstanding as a result of their remarks," Shin Kanemaru, vice president of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, said. "I told my colleagues that you have to be extremely cautious when you make remarks, that you have an impact on people overseas."

"If we belittle the United States, there is no future for Japan," said With stage-managed police raids, Japan unveils a loan scam linked to gangsters and the Liberal Democratic Party. Page 5.

Mr. Kanemaru, who is widely considered more powerful than Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa himself. "Japan can exist because the United States exists," he said Wednesday, "but it is not the other way around. We owe our prosperity to the United States. Many Japanese forget this fact."

steps to open its domestic markets, particularly the rice market, to foreign competition. "I had a talk with President Bush, and I mentioned that to him," he said.

At 77, Mr. Kanemaru has a long record of pro-Americanism. In fact, his support for the U.S. position, while often not as strong as Washington would like, is a secret asset of the U.S. strategy in Japan. But the future is in doubt because a new generation, less certain of its feelings for America, will be coming to the fore.

In Japanese politics, Mr. Kanemaru prefers to run things as a *karamazki*, or string-puller, behind the scenes, and as a master of pork-barrel politics who has brought huge sums to the governing Liberal Democratic Party. Every prime minister since 1980 is said to have been politically indebted to Mr. Kanemaru, not always without some friction.

In recent months, Japanese political gossip has focused on the feud between Mr. Kanemaru, who might be comfortable in a Chicago ward office, and the courtly and cerebral prime minister, Mr. Miyazawa. For years, the two were said to cordially loathe each other.

Last fall, for instance, Mr. Miyazawa was quoted as saying that he wished Mr. Kanemaru would sink in the Kamanashi River in his district. For his part, Mr. Kanemaru was quoted as saying that despite his support of the Miyazawa government, it was sinking like a boat made of mud.

But a couple of weeks ago Mr. Miyazawa, stung by several legislative defeats and criticism of his lack of leadership, turned to his old rival and named him vice president of the governing party, in effect handing over control of all logrolling to the old master.

The union of the two rivals was reportedly sealed in a private room at a restaurant, where the two sat on traditional straw mats, drained glasses of rice wine and scotch, sang folk songs and promised not to betray each other.

Mr. Kanemaru smiles at the suggestion that the prime minister serves See TIES, Page 2



Ukrainian military officers getting a nuclear warhead moving Thursday. It was in a container and on its way to Russia for destruction.

# Promise to Baker: Tajikistan Will Curb Exports of Uranium

By Thomas L. Friedman  
*New York Times Service*

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — The former Soviet republic of Tajikistan agreed Thursday to adopt an American-designed program for restricting the sale of weapons components and promised never to sell any of its uranium to countries that could use it to build atomic bombs.

President Rakhmon Nabiyev made these and other promises to Secretary of State James A. Baker Jr. who flew to the Tajikistan capital, Dushanbe, on Thursday.

Mr. Baker has been touring the six former Soviet republics with which Washington has not yet established diplomatic relations.

He has been trying to use the carrot of U.S. economic assistance and diplomatic recognition to entice the leaders of these republics to commit themselves to a list of principles, including democratic elections, respect for existing borders, protection of minorities and promises not to develop or sell nuclear-weapons technology.

Judging from his terse remarks to reporters after the talks, Mr. Nabiyev was much more receptive to Mr. Baker's arms control proposals than he was to the secretary's suggestions on democracy and human rights.

How many of these promises are worth is questionable, particularly since they are being made by officials such as Mr. Nabiyev, a former head of the Communist Party in Tajikistan in the mid-1990s, who was brought out of retirement by former Communists to run against an Islamic fundamentalist slate.

Mr. Nabiyev won 58 percent of the vote in November. But the Islamic Renaissance Party, which has ties with both neighboring Iran and Afghanistan, did gather 38 percent.

A U.S. official involved in advance arrangements for Mr. Baker's visit said the Tajiks could not have been more forthcoming. They said "yes" to every American logistical and scheduling request, but found it difficult to deliver on many of their commitments.

None of the republics wants to say no to the United States, but their new governments are so inexperienced in affairs of state that they even had to be advised by the

### Maoists Kill 33 Hindus in Bihar State

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Maoist extremists killed 33 upper caste Hindus in India's northern Bihar state in apparent retaliation for the killing of 10 "untouchables" there two months ago, Indian news agencies reported Thursday.

The Press Trust of India said about 1,000 members of the Maoist Communist Center attacked Bara village in Bihar's Gaya district late Wednesday. The agency said the Maoists set 15 houses on fire, rounded up men as they fled and took them to a nearby canal, where they were shot or hacked to death.

### Italy Probes Explosion in Ferry Fire

LIVORNO, Italy (Reuters) — Explosives may have caused the Italian ferry sinking that killed 140 people last year, a magistrate said Thursday. Magistrate Luigi De Franco said investigators still had to determine if the explosion was caused by a bomb or a cargo of explosive material. Nearly all passengers and crew on the Moby ferry burned to death after it rammed an anchored tanker just outside Livorno harbor in April. The ferry caught fire when crude oil leaked over it from the tanker Agip Abruzzo. The cause of the accident has not yet been established.

### Thornburgh Said to Accept UN Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh on Thursday accepted an offer to become undersecretary-general for administration and management at the United Nations, a source said.

Mr. Thornburgh, 60, met with the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, this week to discuss the job, which puts him in charge of the UN budget and bureaucracy. He had been recommended for the post by President George Bush. The job had been widely expected to go to an American.

Mr. Thornburgh, a former Pennsylvania governor, has been in private law practice since losing a U.S. Senate race in Pennsylvania last fall to Harris Wofford, a Democrat.

### Many Somali Casualties Reported

NAIROBI (AP) — Heavy clan fighting raged in Somalia's capital Thursday despite calls for a cease-fire in multilateral peace talks at the United Nations.

"It was a very uncomfortable night," said a relief official in contact with Mogadishu by telephone. "We understand there were very heavy casualties." The official, who asked not to be identified, said forces of General Mohammed Farrah Aidid were trying to capture an airstrip in northern Mogadishu.

The northern part of the divided city is held by General Aidid's rival, President Ali Mahdi Mohamed. General Aidid's forces began pouring heavy mortar fire on Mogadishu's northern suburbs on Wednesday. At least 16 people were killed in the first two hours and 126 wounded, a relief official said. The attack began hours before the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, met representatives of the Organization of African Unity, the Islamic Conference and the Arab League to seek a cease-fire.

### China Picks Hong Kong Consultants

HONG KONG (AP) — China has selected 40 consultants from Hong Kong to advise it on the territory's affairs, a delegate said Thursday, prompting fears that China plans to use the group to control Hong Kong between now and 1997.

A pro-democracy activist criticized the appointments as an attempt by Beijing to strip the territory of any "degree of autonomy" after 1997 when the British colony becomes Chinese territory.

Xu Simin, one of the 40 appointees on the Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee, said the committee is comprised mainly of business executives, conservative politicians and other pro-China sympathizers.

### Beijing Frees Bishop and 2 Priests

BEIJING (Reuters) — China has bowed to foreign pressure and freed a Roman Catholic bishop and two priests who have remained loyal to the Vatican in defiance of the government, Western diplomats said Thursday. The clergymen, all members of the pro-Vatican underground church that is outlawed by Beijing, were released on Jan. 28, the diplomats said.

James Xie Shiguang, 74, the bishop of Xingtai in Fujian Province, was arrested on July 27, 1990, when police raided a religious discussion meeting at a church in the province, diplomats said. Two other priests, Zhu Ruitan and Zheng Xizong, were arrested at the same time, along with six other participants. The diplomats said that Bishop Xie was now free to return to his diocese.

### For the Record

Police in Yaounde, Cameroon, used tear gas and water cannon Thursday to break up a rally of about 1,000 backers of the opposition Alliance for Rectification of Cameroon, witnesses said. The group has said it will boycott parliamentary elections set for March 1. (Reuters)

### Correction

Due to an editing error, a story and headline in Wednesday's editions misstated the percentage by which the United States cut its quota on textile imports from Taiwan. The correct figure is 3.8 percent.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

Cyprus Airways flights were grounded Thursday when engineers walked off the job over the suspension of two colleagues. Two engineers were suspended after they refused to prepare a plane. (Reuters)

Lufthansa Airlines will expand its service to Germany from Miami with twice-weekly nonstop flights to Hamburg beginning April 2. (AP)

## The Weather

Forecast for Saturday through Monday			
Region	Today	Saturday	Sunday
North America	A storm will pour more rain on Southern California Saturday, with substantial snow and snow further east through the weekend. Rainy weather will stretch from Chicago to New York. Snow falls in Toronto and Montreal.	Color air will settle southward over Scandinavia over the weekend. The leading edge of the color air will be marked by heavy snow, which will be followed by heavy rain.	More rain will descend on Hong Kong and Taipei Saturday, and rain will continue over the weekend. The weather in Japan to Tokyo by nighttime, it may rain in Tokyo on Sunday. Local rain will be seen in Tokyo on Saturday. Bangkok and Singapore will be hot with sunshine much of the time.
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# Shamir Ally Rejects U.S. Aid Condition

By Clyde Haberman  
*New York Times Service*

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's chief of staff said Thursday that there was no chance Israel would accept a freeze on new settlement housing in the occupied territories as a condition for receiving United States loan guarantees to absorb new immigrants.

Nonetheless, the official, Yossi Ben-Aharon, expressed optimism that a formula could still be found that would enable Israel to get the assistance it wants even though the Bush administration demands that new Israeli construction be halted in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Ben-Aharon said, the Israeli government will have to live with Washington-imposed penalties that would reduce the value of the loan guarantees, but he predicted that aid of some sort would be approved.

Israel hopes to use the U.S. guarantees to obtain favorable interest rates from commercial banks in borrowing \$10 billion over the next five years to help resettle hundreds of thousands of Jewish emigrants from the former Soviet Union.

"I think it is fair and correct to say that although the United States has a clear-cut policy against settlements, it realizes that this issue pertains to a matter of principle for this government," Mr. Ben-Aharon said in an interview. "You don't challenge a friendly government on an issue that pertains to principle."

And Mr. Shamir, Mr. Ben-Aharon added, would never betray his conviction that Jews have both the right and the duty to build settlements everywhere in territories that he regards as part of the biblical land of Israel.

"Even an implicit understanding that there be no housing starts is out of the question," he said. "Anything that can be perceived as a freeze is something that this government cannot live with."

Nor is it good enough for Israel to continue to claim title to the territories and simply refrain from putting new settlements without announcing a formal freeze, Mr. Ben-Aharon argued.

"If you don't build," he said, "you suggest that you've forfeited sovereignty."

Other senior officials here are far gloomier about reaching an accord, saying that the Shamir government cannot accept the conditions that Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d has put forth in two recent meetings with the Israeli ambassador to Washington, Zalman Shoval.

Their pessimism grew after Reuters on Wednesday quoted an unidentified senior administration official as suggesting that Washington opposed new housing not just in the West Bank and Gaza Strip but also in East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed after the 1967 Middle East war.

And before that report, a cabinet member close to Mr. Shamir, Health Minister Ehud Olmert, accused the United States of trying to push Israel back to its pre-1967 borders.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who has said he would rather give up the guarantees than agree to a settlement freeze, said this week that it was "an absolute absurdity" to think that Israel's fate hinged on the U.S. assistance.

But others were less confident, including Jacob Frankel, governor of the Bank of Israel, who warned of smaller economic growth and higher unemployment if Israel forgoes the aid.

Even optimists acknowledge that the loan guarantees are dead if Washington in effect orders Mr. Shamir to make a choice between assistance and settlements.

But they are betting, or at least hoping, that the U.S. reservations are tactical. They are also betting that the Bush administration wants to help the immigrants and so will try to find a formula that would allow both sides to save face.

# UN: Yugoslavia Peacekeeping Plan

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Mr. Tudjman's letter arrived at clarifications regarding several interviews given recently by Mr. Tudjman. In these the Croatian leader appeared to criticize some aspects of the UN plan.

In the new letter, he reiterated his earlier acceptance of the plan and said he favored "successful and fast completion" of the proposed Yugoslav peace conference.

He added that Croatia was "not making any new requirements."

But Mr. Tudjman did raise what he described as "a number of technical questions relating to the normalization of life" in the Serbian-populated areas of Croatia.

Officials said Mr. Vance had decided to take Mr. Tudjman's letter at face value, to assume that he was now willing to cooperate with the United Nations and to presume that these reservations were of only secondary importance.

(Reuters, AFP, AP, NTT)



Croatian residents of Serb-occupied Karlovac, near Zagreb, fleeing their destroyed homes Thursday.

# CUOMO: Noncandidate Whistle-Stops on Prime Time

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eye of political reporters who left nearby New Hampshire — and the Democratic candidates vying for their attention — to come hear Mr. Cuomo, as well as Boston television and newspaper whose reports are available to most voters in New Hampshire.

For Mr. Cuomo, who has a record of overshadowing presidential campaigns that he has declined to join, the speech seemed to offer the best of all political worlds — the chance to act like a candidate without being one.

For the first time in months, he took reporters from Albany on the state plane. Accompanied by Boston television crews, he paid a call at City Hall on Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, who recently encouraged him to run.

The speech, which attracted 11 television cameras, was broadcast into much of New Hampshire by Boston radio stations and was televised live on C-Span.

In an interview on the flight to Boston, Mr. Cuomo even engaged in the time-honored campaign tradition of lowering expectations. He said his aides had told him that winning 2 percent or 3 percent of the vote in a write-in campaign "would be very high."

The organizers of the New Hampshire write-in effort have set a goal of 15 percent of the vote in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

Despite appearances, Mr. Cuomo reiterated that he had no plans to join the race and that he faced the same obstacle he faced on Dec. 20 when he said the lack of a state budget would keep him out of the race. And he said that his failure to discourage the write-in campaign should not be interpreted as encouragement to his supporters in New Hampshire.

"When you encourage, you encourage," he said. "What more can I do other than say, 'I'm not running, New Hampshire?'"

"I'm not encouraging them, I'm not discouraging them," he added. "Why should I discourage them? What do you want me to do, win the armoire award?"

He also dismissed the notion that his continued presence on the presidential scene might harm the five announced candidates.

"If anyone is beaten, it will not be by a candidate who never showed up," he said. "It's because they failed to reach the voters. If the other team doesn't show up, it's very hard to claim that they fouled you."

Officials with the Democratic campaigns characterized Mr. Cuomo's speech and his write-in candidacy as a minor annoyance.

# Limit Britons In Dordogne, Rightist Urges

PARIS — A regional leader of France's far-right National Front party said Thursday that the growing number of British, Dutch and German citizens with homes in rural France should be limited.

Jean-Yves Le Gallou, the party head for the Ile-de-France region, which includes Paris, noted that thousands of EC nationals had bought country homes in Dordogne and Perigord, forcing French farmers from their land.

"I have no hatred or xenophobic feelings toward the Dutch, the Anglo-Saxons or even the Saxons," Mr. Le Gallou said. "But come the day when 80 percent of the population of Dordogne will be English, then it will not quite be Dordogne even if the English there are very amiable."

# YELTSIN: Aid for the Needy

(Continued from page 1)

will approve measures to give extra pay in February and March to the most vulnerable people, including underprivileged families and pensioners. Newspaper reports recently have suggested that the elderly would also get special stipends to help them cope with higher prices.

Deputy Prime Minister Genadiy Burbulis told Interfax that four new measures to protect the poor would be announced shortly.

Mr. Yeltsin also announced that he was putting Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi, one of the most outspoken critics of Mr. Yeltsin's shock therapy, in charge of much-needed, but difficult to accomplish, agricultural reform, an announcement that drew laughter from legislators.

The former Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, recently banished his chief rival several years ago to an agricultural post and Mr. Yeltsin said Thursday that Mr. Rutskoi would be "kept busy" with his new post.

In his appearance at the parliament, Mr. Yeltsin said that the failure of his economic reforms would have a negative effect on the whole world, a point which was made clear to Western leaders during Mr. Yeltsin's recent trips abroad.

"Our position, that reform in Russia is not only a domestic matter of our own but also a weighty component in the construction of a new world order, was widely recognized," he said.

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Leverage Against Saddam

A year after the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein still struts... President George Bush, like many Americans, longs impatiently for such a resolution.

The 1992 Tax-Cut Derby

"This will not stand," President George Bush said in his State of the Union address... about stimulating the economy and then raising taxes in the same breath.

Now Speak Up to China

President George Bush, having encouraged China's hard-liners last month by meeting with Prime Minister Li Peng... Mr. Chen is an economist. Mr. Wang, dangerously ill and denied proper medical treatment.

A Rape and Nothing Else

One view being heard in the postmortem examination of Mike Tyson's rape conviction makes it sound as if the Indianapolis jury was sitting in judgment on rich and famous African-American males or the sexual lifestyle of professional athletes.

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On Democracy, the New Target of Choice

By Dominique Moisi

PARIS — Although communism is dead or dying, its defeat seems to be leading not to democracy but to volcanic nationalism with all its fallout: fragmentation, disorder, even chaos.

preaching to us about democracy. For some Chinese, proud of the economic takeoff of their Southern region, enlightened Confucian despotism seems a better way to prosperity and stability than a market-driven individualism.

military), what is denounced is the link between the process, meaning free elections, and the result, dictatorship of a man or a party.

'Bashing': It's Not All That Simple

By James Fallows

WASHINGTON — Reasonable people can disagree about whether a "buy American" campaign makes sense. But we could do without several famous arguments: 1. You cannot tell where this stuff comes from anyway.

Between Dock and Boat, Here Stands Mario Cuomo

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — The issue in New Hampshire next week is not whether Bill Clinton avoided the draft but whether Mario Cuomo can induce one.

why I was calling: to entrap him into a foreign-affairs position that could later be used against him.



"Whoever wins New Hampshire gets a presumption of electability. For Clinton, that's all he needs, because he'll probably win down South. Ron Brown is right: It has to be one of these five."

Then Came Tsongas, the Volkswagen of This Race

By Richard Cohen

DOVER, New Hampshire — I have seen the future — and it's not pretty. It is Paul Tsongas, the jolly-faced, balding, non-charismatic former senator who made almost no impression on Washington in his one Senate term.

blackboard — the spine-shivering sound of yet another fool telling the American people what he thinks they want to hear.

error is no airhead, Rhodes scholar, impeccably schooled (Georgetown, Yale), Mr. Clinton has plenty to say — much of it worth listening to. He has been the good governor of what was once a miserable little state.

Haiti: Send a UN Force Against the Arrogant Thugs

By Flora Lewis

NEW YORK — Dismal Haitians cramming little boats in hopes of reaching the United States are fleeing not only their country's murderous regime and chronic poverty but also the Haitian rulers who fled they had successfully outmaneuvered the campaign against them.

Howard French of The New York Times at a palace reception. The occasion was to celebrate the self-proclamation of army chief Raoul Cedras to president in a ceremony complete with 11-gun salutes and officers carrying ivory-handled swords.

is not solution. New international law is in the making, and Haiti is a prime case of the need for an arm to enforce it. Refugees, ecological damage, endless oppression and violence are the alternatives in the name of sacrosanct national sovereignty. It must be hoped that those cruel and greedy officers celebrated too soon.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: What Fallow Land?

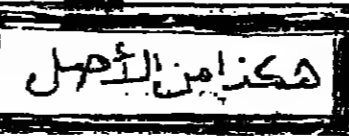
LONDON — The Times and other English journals have fired up at certain statements made by the United States Immigration Commission that the population of Britain is driven to seek employment in other countries because over twenty-two millions of acres of productive land, chiefly belonging to the nobility, are lying idle.

1917: Chinese Warning

PEKING — The Government of the Chinese Republic, animated by a strong desire to see the peace of the world restored and respecting the sacred principles of international law, has today [Feb. 14] sent a vigorous protest to the German Government

1942: Winter Offensive

MOSCOW — [From our New York edition:] Knifing through German lines for the deepest and most significant advance yet of the Red Army winter offensive, Russian soldiers have entered White Russia. Russian submarines have also destroyed several more German warships in Arctic waters, dispatches reported tonight [Feb. 13]. News of these successes in the north and west were accompanied by accounts of an uninterrupted Red drive in the south, where many more villages were liberated.



'Bashing' It's Not All That Simple

By James Fallows

WASHINGTON — Beneath the veneer of competence, the Bush administration's strategy toward the former Soviet Union is a dangerously ineffective response to the greatest democratic awakening and market-opening opportunity of the 20th century.

American Jobs and Profits Are at Stake on the Volga

By Richard A. Gephardt

The writer is majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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would veto legislation permitting the export of telecommunications equipment to the former Soviet Union. Meanwhile, Japanese and European investment is ready to go full bore.



By HAGEN - VERNO - LEE, GUY LAW/STOCK

Ask the Rushdie Question Until the Message Sinks In

By Paul Theroux

HONOLULU — When Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini first issued his decree against Salman Rushdie three years ago Friday, I swear I thought it was a joke — a very bad joke, a bit like "Papa Doc" Duvalier putting a voodoo curse on Graham Greene for writing "The Comedians," but a joke nevertheless, in the sense of being an example of furious but harmless flattery — just wind.

One said, "Some of us have families." This is all very discouraging. On a personal level people are muddled or uninterested; on a governmental level the response has been weak and cowardly.

MEANWHILE

blueprints have to be submitted to a board of Islamic scholars, the ulama, so that the authorities can make sure that no toilet faces Mecca.

We in the West often find ourselves in odd postures in our dealings with the Islamic world. It always strikes me as perverse when British and U.S. academics willingly go to any number of countries and teach in schools where women are segregated from men and the laws are medieval. They do it for the money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back to an 'Illegal' State

On Jan. 28 the U.S. State Department announced that powdered milk from the United States and medical supplies from the Pan American Health Organization and the Chilean government were being provided to the people of Haiti.

status in the United States. But those who flee are entitled to screening for refugee status and even those not deemed refugees should be held at Guantanamo pending a check in conditions in Haiti.

ing an economically devastated Western Europe and then protecting that Europe from the Soviet empire.

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GENERAL NEWS

Theatrically, Japan Unveils a New Party Scandal

By James Sterngold New York Times Service TOKYO — After months of rumors and leaks, a new scandal involving the governing Liberal Democratic Party broke Thursday with the office of a large trucking company that is reported to have engaged in a loan scam and to have funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to top politicians and the mob.

and in others through guarantees of loans taken out by companies controlled by the gangsters.

As detailed as the reports have been on the alleged wrongdoing, they have painted a confusing picture of the reported loans and payments, which involved a host of subsidiaries, affiliates and dummy companies.

Corporate loans and provide corporate loan guarantees reportedly totaling about \$7 billion, over a four-year period, without anyone else at the company knowing about the deals.

Under the Women in Development and Nation-Building Act, women will have equal access to government and private credit, and will be admitted to all military schools.

admit women as cadets this year for the first time since it opened in 1953. A Defense Ministry spokesman said 73 women would join the 600 men who attend the four-year university-level institution.

Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous country now that the Soviet Union has broken up, will keep growing until about the middle of the next century, according to Environment and Population Minister Emil Salim.

that level is reached, then a generation later we will have a stable population." He estimated that the 180 million population — smaller only than China, India and the United States — would grow by 50 million, to 230 million, in the year 2035.

Another Rider Dies Unnoticed On Tokyo Train

Compiled by One Staff From Dispatches MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — Fearing a new clash with Pakistani troops, Muslim militants on Thursday indefinitely called off their attempts to storm the disputed cease-fire line into Indian-controlled Kashmir.

troled Kashmir, said the government had to block the march.

Hospital sources said two of those wounded by police gunfire over the last two days had since died.

1942: Winter Offense

Small demonstrations took place in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, with protesters shouting, "Pakistan dogs."

Three people were wounded when the police fired at some 500 supporters of the Janmu and Kashmir Liberation Front who tried to march at Amnataq, 55 kilometers (37 miles) south of here, the witnesses said.

They fought a third war in 1971 that led to the creation of Bangladesh from what was East Pakistan.

Real Estate Marketplace advertisement containing multiple listings for properties in Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, and Spain, including details on price, location, and contact information.

1.75 AND 50 YEARS

# I H T S U R E

## The Seville Fair: A Guided Visit

### Best Time to Tour May Be at Night

By Barry James  
International Herald Tribune

**S**EVILLE — It rises like a city of the future on a flat island in the brown waters of the Guadalquivir River. Seville's Universal Exposition, scheduled to open April 20 and run through Oct. 12, promises to be the biggest happening in history — and one of the most expensive.

Expo 92 is the seventh universal exposition. The first, in London in 1851, celebrated the achievements of the Industrial Revolution. Spain's almost \$2 billion project will mark five centuries of discoveries since Christopher Columbus set off across the ocean blue. The organizers say it also stands for "the communications revolution, the harnessing of new technologies and the major social shifts that have characterized these closing years of the 20th century."

To break even, Expo 92 needs to attract at least 18 million visitors during its six-month run. That's about 65 percent more than the 11 million visitors that Euro Disneyland, opening the same month, is predicting for its first year of operation near Paris.

One problem for organizers is that the Expo has an expensive image. And in Seville, hoteliers are taking advantage of the fair to post higher prices, ranging from 9,000 pesetas (about \$90) in a one-star hotel to 60,000 in a five-star establishment. This is not counting value added tax of up to 12 percent. Tourist officials stress, however, that there are many cheaper hotel rooms available within an hour or two's journey from Seville.

They have also announced a program called Open Seville — Sevilla Abierta — to lodge visitors in private homes at reasonable prices. And the city has rented five Russian cruise ships to serve as floating hotels. COR-AL, the official reservations organization, can be reached on Seville 446-0565; the fax number is 446-0206.

All-day tickets, valid from 9 A.M. to 4 A.M. the following morning, cost 4,000 pesetas (about \$40) for adults. Children from 5 to 14 and adults over 65 will get in for 1,500 pesetas. Night-time tickets, valid from 8 P.M. to 1,000 pesetas. This may well be the most pleasant way of seeing the exposition, escaping the fierce heat of the day. Most of the pavilions will still be open for a couple of hours.

There will be a show on the artificial lake after dark every evening, with fireworks, fountains and laser lights. Concerts by many of the world's great orchestras, operas, zarzuelas, recitals, ballets, plays and movies will begin at 11 P.M. Bars, served by a miniature brewery on the site, and restaurants along the river's edge will remain open until 4.

A Mexican-style caanopied plaza called the Palenque will also remain open all night, every night, for dancing with salsa groups, big bands and Sevillana orchestras.

To beat the daytime heat, engineers at Seville University sought inspiration from the cool gardens of the Alcazar in Seville, and borrowed techniques from Andalusia's

former rulers, the Arabs. The exhibition site has 16 kilometers (10 miles) of walkways shaded by leafy pergolas and chilled underfoot by pipes that carry water from the Guadalquivir River.

Micronizing equipment will give off clouds of fine water vapor in parts of the site. Although temperatures in Seville can soar to 45 degrees Centigrade (113 degrees Fahrenheit) in the shade, engineers say the Expo site will have its own cooler and more humid micro-climate. Landscape gardeners have planted 25,000 trees — mostly orange trees and palms — and 300,000 bushes on the island, once empty scrubland.

More than 100 countries, the 17 Spanish regions, the European Community and more than 20 other international organizations and nearly 50 large corporations will be vying for attention.

The United States scraped up enough cash at the last minute to erect a pavilion consisting of a couple of hand-me-down geodesic domes. A restaurant featuring American food will be operated by a Canadian company.

Japan's pavilion is an immense arc of wood like the blade of a samurai sword, with nothing high tech there beyond the escalator. A wall of water cascades down the front of the British pavilion.

The Vatican has built a miniature basilica and will offer Masses throughout the day. Saudi Arabia is bringing desert sand and a movie.

**C**HILE is shipping a 60-ton violet-colored iceberg from the South Pole. Environmentalists see this as a violation of Chile's treaty promises to protect the Antarctic.

Hungary is erecting a Carpathian castle with seven towers like a Dracula's palace, and beautiful handcarving and carpentry.

Spain's National Organization for the Blind has one of the biggest pavilions. It will offer a library in Braille and a welcome center for handicapped visitors.

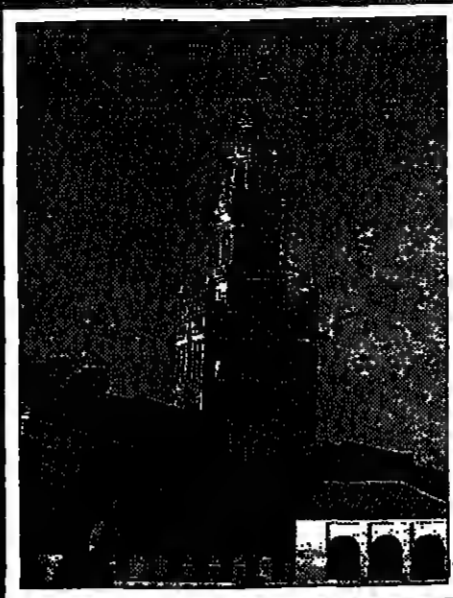
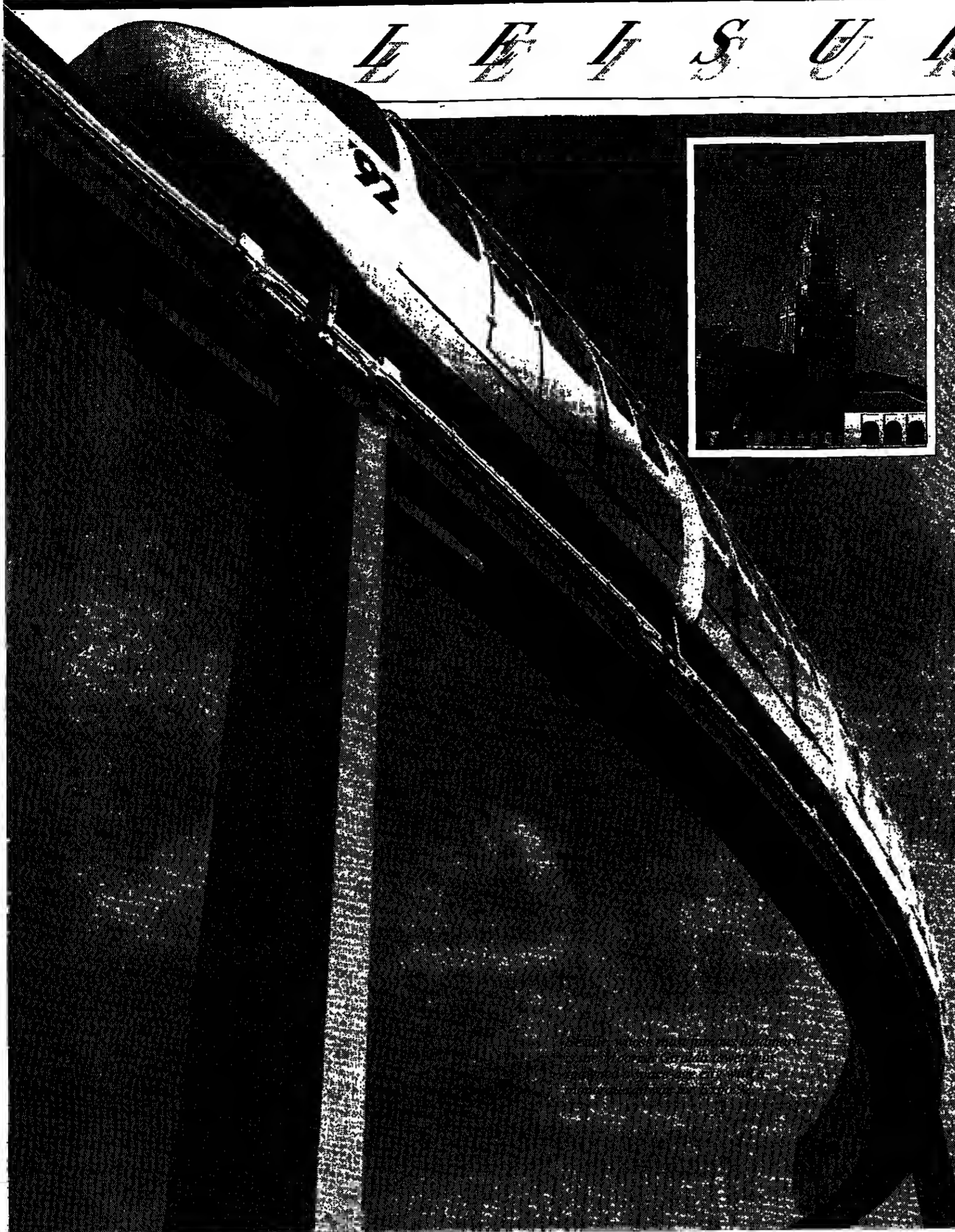
The Andalusian pavilion is the place for anyone who loves flamenco.

The former Soviet pavilion, adorned with a computer-driven complex of colored panels, will house the independent Commonwealth states instead.

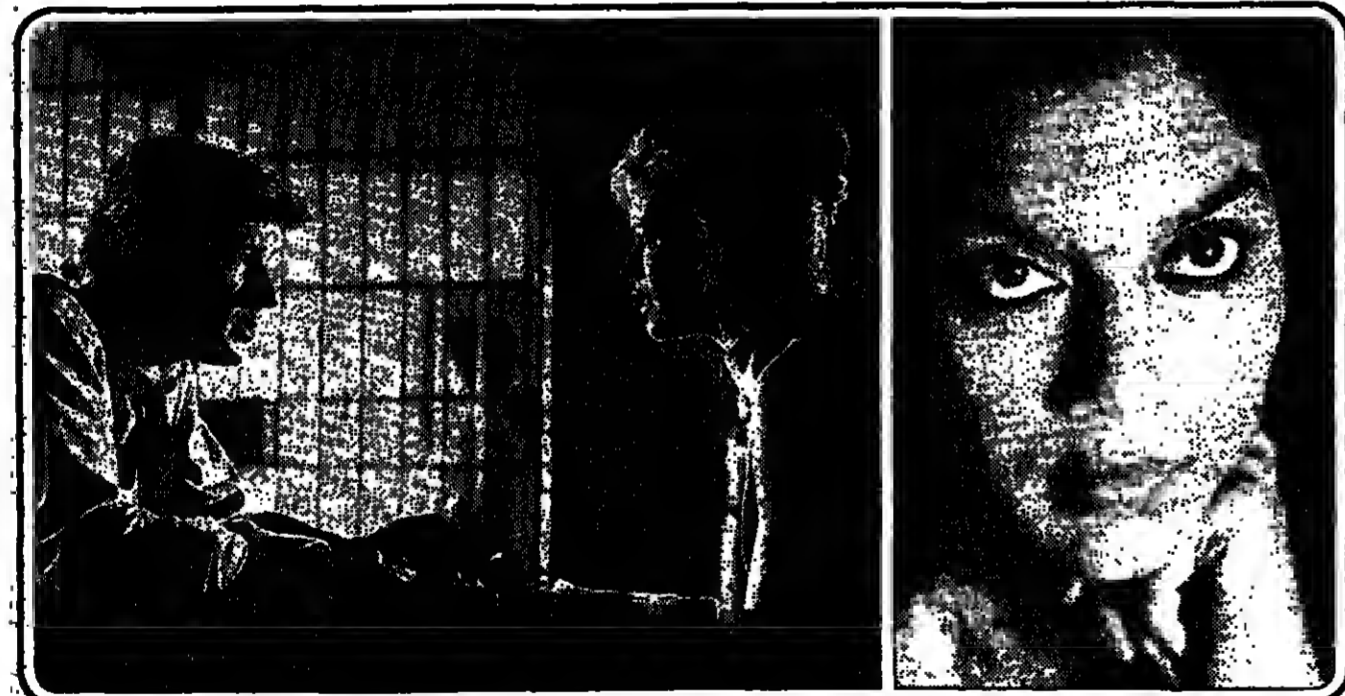
Expo 92 is built around a Carthusian monastery where Columbus once stayed and was briefly buried, and which will serve as the official residence of King Juan Carlos I.

The monastery became a ceramics factory in the 19th century. The exposition uses the conical shape of the "chimneys as a leitmotiv. Cable cars and monorail glide overhead. Spain's new high speed trains from Madrid will serve a canopy station within the Expo site.

Once the fiesta is over, Spain plans to turn the Expo site into a high-tech research center to act as the nucleus for development in the Andalusian region. For every dollar spent on the exposition, several more have been spent on new roads and infrastructure.



## THE MOVIE GUIDE



Richard Gere and Kim Basinger in "Final Analysis"; Mira Nair, director of "Mississippi Masala."

**Okoge**  
Directed, written, produced by Takehiro Nakajima. Japan.  
Okoge is the crust of rice that forms on the rice pot. The name of the pot, *okama*, is also derogatory vernacular for the male homosexual, so the title refers to those many young Japanese girls who like guys. Pretty young Sayoko accidentally meets Go and Tochihiro at a beach and before long is offering them her apartment to meet in. They form a happy family until Tochihiro's wife finds out and tells the boss, Sayoko, anxious to get Go fixed up, plays cupid, picks a straight and gets herself both raped and pregnant. All ends well, however. Despite this précis, the film is fresh and honest and very funny. It is further distinguished by extraordinary performances. Misa Shimizu (seen abroad in "Traffic Jam") is radiant as Sayoko, and the film should go a long way. At present, however, this brave film can find no distributor in Japan, a land which does not like to have its prejudices disturbed.  
(Donald Richie, IHT)

**Final Analysis**  
Directed by Phil Joanou. U.S.  
Although shrouded in the immense shadow of Alfred Hitchcock, most of the effects of the new psychological thriller "Final Analysis" are derived not from The Master but from his imitators. The twice-removed filminess shows. Richard Gere plays Isaac Barr, a psychiatrist who starts out treating a disturbed tease (Uma Thurman) and ends up passionately entwined with her older sister, Heather (Kim Basinger). Most of the time we're stuck in the film noir mire with our endangered lovebirds; the interminable plot twists function merely as jolts to relieve the boredom.  
(Peter Rainer, LAT)

**Mississippi Masala**  
Directed by Mira Nair. U.S.  
Near the beginning of Mira Nair's sweetly pungent new comedy, "Mississippi Masala," Mina (Sarla Choudhury) is driving a large, borrowed automobile down a highway near Greenwood, Mississippi, arguing with her mother, who sits imperially in the back. With her

head turned around, Mina slams into the rear of the stopped van owned by Demetrius (Denzel Washington), who owns a rug-cleaning service. It is the first of a series of collisions by which "Mississippi Masala" vividly dramatizes the uncertain, frequently comic progress of the love affair of Mina, a spirited young Indian who has never seen India, and Demetrius, a conscientious, upwardly mobile black American who has never seen Africa. "Mississippi Masala" appears to have been produced on a modest budget, but it is a big movie in terms of talent, geography and concerns. Racism isn't the major issue, at least on the surface. Mina and Demetrius must fight the sense of cultural dislocation that, for different reasons, has become a part of the heritage of each.  
(Vincent Canby, NYT)

**Medicine Man**  
Directed by John McTiernan. U.S.  
When we first see Rae Crane (Lorraine Bracco) in John

## Museum Trip Along the Silk Road

By Michael Richardson  
International Herald Tribune

**S**INGAPORE — For travelers, the so-called Silk Road, which provided a vital link between East and West from the second to the 13th century, must have been an exhausting experience. It was the longest trade route in ancient times, stretching 8,000 kilometers from Xian in north central China through mountain passes, high plains and deserts across Central Asia and the Middle East to the edge of Europe.

During the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.), the main western terminus of the Silk Road was Constantinople (now Istanbul), capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. There was also a northern spur to the Black Sea and a southern route through Baghdad and Damascus to Antioch and Tyre on the Mediterranean.

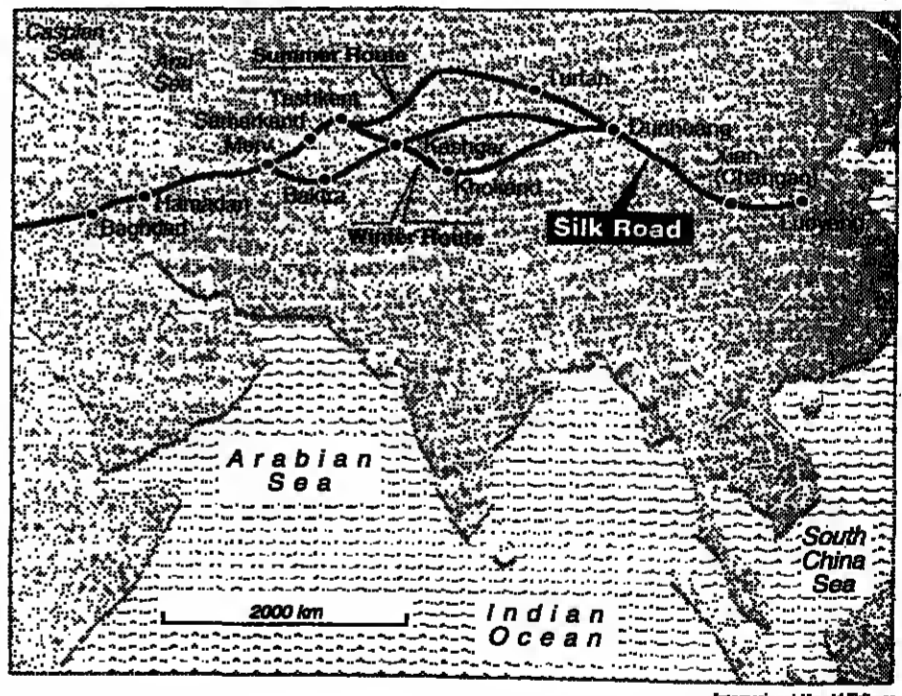
An exhibition, "The Silk Road: Treasures of Tang," at the Empress Place Museum in Singapore brings this period of pioneering transcontinental trade and cultural exchange vividly to life. More than 200 items have been drawn from 15 museums spread over seven Chinese provinces and Beijing for the display. Many have not been shown outside China before.

Most of the pieces, ranging from ceramics to intricately wrought gold and silver, were unearthed in the last few decades from Tang Dynasty tombs in provinces through which the Silk Road passed.

Since the rich and powerful families of imperial China felt bound for religious reasons to furnish the dead with luxuries for the next world, these objects, often in model form, are an important primary source for historians. "They not only give insight into the lifestyle, beliefs and customs of people in the past, but are also regarded as great art treasures," said Grace Wong, consultant curator of the Singapore exhibition.

Camels and horses were the main means of transport along the Silk Road. One pottery model, unearthed in 1985 at the Hanshen stockade at Xian in Shensi province, shows an exhausted driver asleep on his camel. Another depicts an angry driver trying to coax his camel to get up.

Trade created the Silk Road. Only the Chinese could produce silk at that time and as a result, it was highly prized and extremely valuable. Chinese silk, tea, ceramics, lacquerware, cane products, steel and other goods were exchanged at various points along the route for horses, glassware, spices, perfumes and other items in demand in China. Horses were indispensable to the Tang armies in keeping the peace along the border and defending prefectures, passes and city-states under Chinese suzerainty on the Silk Road.



Many traders, adventurers, political emissaries, monks, pilgrims, students and even entertainers from Central and South Asia, the Middle East and Europe ventured into China during the Tang dynasty, which was notable for an open-door policy and an interest in foreign culture.

Xian, formerly known as Chang'an and lying to the southwest of Beijing, was the center of the Eastern world, a thriving commercial and cultural hub with majestic palaces, bustling markets and well laid out roads and residential quarters. The city had a population of over a million, including more than 50,000 non-Chinese.

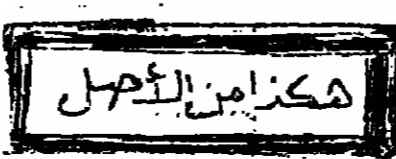
Trade between East and West was followed by even more valuable exchanges of religion, art, music and dance. "The relatively liberal reign of the Tang emperors was an impetus for this ready acceptance of foreign things and new ideas," said Yeo Seng Teck, chairman of the Empress Place Museum.

China's technology in making steel, gunpowder and paper, its techniques for printing books and boring agricultural wells, were carried to the West along the Silk Road. The Chinese calendar system and medical knowledge also reached Europe this way.

Religions, including Buddhism, Islam and the Nestorian sect of Christianity, entered China via the Silk Road. So did Western music and dance, and a variety of plants like peaches, grapes, walnuts and figs. Included in the display are some fine examples of Tang Buddhist art.

But the highlight is the tomb figurines of people, animals and gods that bring the world of the Tang dynasty and the Silk Road to life again.

The exhibition at the Empress Place Museum beside the Singapore River is open until October. Entry costs six Singapore dollars (\$3.60) for an adult and three Singapore dollars for a child under 12.





# NYSE

Thursday's Closing

Tables include the national price up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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HPQ	15 1/4	+ 1/4
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TXN	10 1/4	+ 1/4
AVY	15 1/4	+ 1/4
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WALL STREET WATCH
Cable TV Stocks Need Answers on Regulation

By Geraldine Fabrikant
NEW YORK — While the stock market has been soaring, the cable television stocks, particularly Tele-Communications Inc. and Comcast Corp., have languished, depressed by the specter of tougher regulations. Neither is even near the highs they hit in 1988.

Two weeks ago, the Senate approved a bill that would let municipalities regulate cable systems rates and would allow television stations to charge cable systems for the right to transmit their signals.

While concern is focused on the Senate bill, most of the other issues potentially damaging to cable have virtually disappeared, at least for the near future, said John Korreich, who follows the media companies for Sandier Capital, an investment firm.

The drop in interest rates has allowed most cable operators to refinance their debt at much lower costs. In the last several months, for example, Tele-Communications has refinanced close to \$1 billion of debt, probably saving about \$30 million in interest over a year ago, Mr. Korreich estimates.

Comcast was able to finance its \$1.5 billion acquisition of Metrophone, a cellular-telephone company, more attractively than it might have a year ago.

Moreover, the pay-per-view segment of cable, which allows cable subscribers to pay to watch movies on impulse, is growing. It would not be subject to regulation, since it is not part of the basic cable offering.

As cable operators upgrade their systems, more channels will be available, including more allocated to pay per view. The recession has slowed cable's growth somewhat, but not as much as had been feared.

Meanwhile, direct-broadcast satellites, once viewed as a serious threat to cable, have not proved to be much competition. And the telephone companies appear more likely to form joint ventures with cable than to challenge it.

Thus if there is a compromise on the Senate bill, the cable stocks probably would react favorably. The House still has to come up with its version of cable regulation. But based on a moderate bill it passed in 1990, the House will not be as aggressive as the Senate.

John Reidy, who follows the cable industry for Smith Barney, said he believed Mr. Bush was likely to accept reasonable legislation. "He has no particular interest in the cable industry, but he has a strong vested interest in preserving his role as a deregulationist," Mr. Reidy said.

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Ford's Record Loss Deepens Auto Woes

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
DEARBORN, Michigan — Ford Motor Co. on Thursday reported a loss of \$2.3 billion for recession-hit 1991, the largest in the company's history. The results offer more proof that 1991 was the most miserable year in U.S. automotive history. Last week Chrysler Corp. reported a huge 1991 loss; the industry giant General Motors Corp. will reveal how much money it lost this month.

largest U.S. automaker continued to face many of the difficulties it encountered last year. "Many of the problems that affected us in 1991 are continuing into 1992: soft economies, intense competition and excess industry capacity," he said in a statement accompanying the earnings report. But he said the company's cost-cutting efforts were having a beneficial effect. The annual loss compared with a profit in 1990 of \$860.1 million. The quarterly results were a slight improvement from the year-earlier loss of \$518.5 million.

Jobs Data Dim U.K. Hopes Recovery Looks More Elusive as Unemployment Surges

By Erik Ipsen
LONDON — Any hope of an economic recovery lurking just over the British horizon vanished on Thursday with the news that unemployment in January had surged by a seasonally adjusted 53,000. The numbers were rather more unpleasant than people had been counting for," said Robert Taylor, senior economist at Schroder Economics. In fact, the rise was close to twice what had been widely expected. It now brings British unemployment to 2.6 million, or 9.2 percent of the work force.

Peter Warburton, an economist with Robert Fleming Securities, now calls that slowdown a statistical anomaly. "It is not a cheery message, but I think the January figure may not be the worst we see this year," he said. Many economists now predict monthly rises of 40,000 to 50,000 lasting through the year, with unemployment reaching close to 3 million by early 1993. At that point it is expected to start to decline. In the meantime, many economists looked at January's figures and at recent layoff announcements and predicted a "second wave" of unemployment.

SEC Enfranchises Stockholders on Executive Pay

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission said Thursday that it had sent letters to 10 large U.S. corporations telling them to allow shareholders to vote on executive pay and related issues. The agency's move reverses a long-standing policy and comes amid economic hard times that have placed some corporate executives under fire for their sky-high salaries.

Business Machines Corp., Chrysler Corp., Bell Atlantic Corp., Eastman Kodak Co. and Grumman Corp. The other companies receiving letters were Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., Amgen Inc. and the City of London. The letters also mention Mountain Gold and Black Hills Corp.

Venezuela Wins Back Foreign Investment

By James Brooke
CARACAS — Investor confidence and contracts are returning to Venezuela after the failed coup of Feb. 4. President Carlos Andres Perez has vowed to maintain orthodox, free-market economic policies, which last year helped to lower inflation and to aid growth. Within hours of the coup attempt, local and foreign investors signed \$16 million in contracts to buy four state hotels, and U.S.-based Eastman Kodak Co. signed a letter of intent to create a \$200 million joint production venture with a state petrochemical company, Petroquímica de Venezuela.

Profit Fall Makes BP Cautious

LONDON — British Petroleum Co. said Thursday that recession and lower oil prices had pushed its fourth-quarter and full-year 1991 earnings sharply lower. BP said poor business conditions would continue to weigh against most expectations, decided as a result not to raise its dividend for the quarter that ended Dec. 31. The stock slid 10 pence to 274 pence. Net income measured on a replacement-cost basis, which strips out gains and losses on oil stocks arising from price changes, fell to \$72 million (\$129 million) in the fourth quarter from \$456 million in the year-earlier period. Over the year, net income dropped to \$1 billion from \$1.3 billion in 1990.

IBM Will Make Major Push Into Supercomputers

NEW YORK — IBM announced Thursday that it was opening a laboratory devoted to designing computers that platoon hundreds of thousands of chips to gain dramatic increases in speed — a technique known as massively parallel computing. The computers are expected to be brought to market by early next year. "We look forward to expanding this technology into new systems capable of meeting our customers' ever-increasing appetite for more and more computational power," said Jack D. Kuehler, president of International Business Machines Corp.

Colgate to Buy Mennen In \$670 Million Deal

NEW YORK — Colgate-Palmolive Co. emerged Thursday as the victor in a contest to control Mennen Co., sealing a deal to buy the leading U.S. deodorant maker for \$670 million in stock and cash. Colgate said the acquisition of Mennen would enhance its \$1 billion worldwide sales of personal-care products. Mennen, founded in 1878 by Gerhard Mennen and still controlled by the Mennen family, commands the top spot in the \$1.7 billion U.S. deodorant market with its Mennen Speed Stick products. It sells toiletries, including shaving lotion and baby-care products, under the brand names Baby Magic, Mennen Skin Bracer and Afta.

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MARKET DIARY

Limp Bond Auction Hurts Stock Prices

Bloomberg News NEW YORK — U.S. stock prices fell Thursday, pushed lower by disappointing demand at the final leg of the Treasury's \$36 billion quarterly refunding.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 30.18 to 3,246.65 after setting an all-time high on Wednesday. The slide was led by Merck and Walt Disney.

N.Y. Stocks

Shares. Declining common stocks outnumbered advances by a margin of about 2 to 1. The Treasury sold the \$10 billion 30-year bonds at an average yield of 7.91 percent with a coupon rate of 8 percent.

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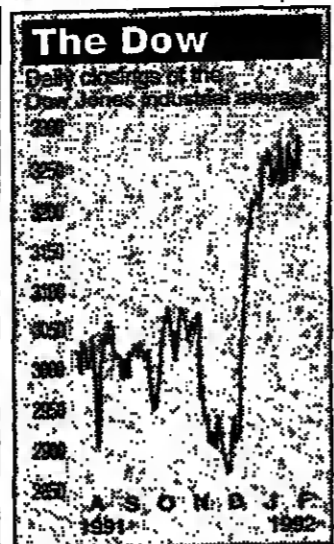
Among retailers themselves, the dominant mood was one of survival, mainly because store owners unlike economists compare sales year-over-year, and they are far better off now than during the Gulf War a year ago, when sales plummeted as much as 20 percent.

Foreign Exchange

they may be "basing out" or hitting bottom. Among the strongest gains were food and gasoline, which hardly power a recovery.

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N.Y. Post Owner Seeks Daily News NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Kalkow, the real estate developer who publishes the New York Post, said Thursday he wants to buy the Daily News, a rival tabloid.

Eckerd Gives Up Pursuit of Revco

PITTSBURGH (Reuters) — Jack Eckerd Corp. withdrew its bid for rival drug-store chain Revco D.S. Inc. on Thursday, setting the stage for Revco to emerge from more than three years in bankruptcy.

Banc One Wins New Hampshire Deal

MANCHESTER, N.H. (Combined Dispatches) — Banc One Corp. won a bid to manage \$1 billion in assets from seven failed New Hampshire banks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Thursday.

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## Thursday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

17	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	1991 High	Low	1991 P.A. Cls
1	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
2	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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6	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
7	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
8	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
9	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
10	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00

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11	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
12	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
13	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
14	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
15	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
16	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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18	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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28	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
29	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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48	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
49	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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58	100.00	98.00	IBM	3.00	2.8	12	100.00	98.00	100.00
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High-Water Mark for Japan's Surplus?

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's trade surplus more than quadrupled in January, the government reported Thursday, but economists said the pace of its growth would slow and the figure for all 1992 should be similar to that of 1991.

slowly economy, hold the key to cutting its trade surplus. But they said 1991 badly, falling 3.6 percent in January to \$20.10 billion from \$20.90 billion. Much of that drop can be blamed on sharp oil price increases just prior to the Gulf War a year ago that make recent import figures look small in comparison.

effect in April, prompting unusually large oil purchases before then by importers looking to avoid the tax. With oil's dampening effect on imports likely to subside as early as next month and the economy widely expected to rebound by this summer, some economists expect a 4 to 5 percent import growth for all of 1992, helping to cap the surplus.

Japan's surplus with the European Community, also politically sensitive, rose 34.5 percent to \$2.16 billion in January, largely as a result of strong car exports. Asia, a part of the world that has not complained much about Japanese trade practices, bought only 2.9 percent more goods in January than a year earlier. This time a year ago, exports to Asia were surging by more than 30 percent a month.

NEC Slashes Estimate Of Earnings by 29%

TOKYO — NEC Corp., Japan's largest producer of semiconductor and a diversified global electronics producer, revised its earnings projection for the 1991-92 financial year down to 100 billion yen (\$79 million) on Thursday. The revision was due to sagging sales of personal computers in Japan and the United States and a larger-than-expected decline in prices of dynamic random-access memory semiconductors, an NEC official said.

Investor's Asia table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo. Includes line graphs showing trends for each region and a table of exchange rates.

Big 4 Brokers Unveil Plan To Boost Tokyo Market

TOKYO — Japan's Big 4 brokers on Thursday unveiled proposals to revive weak stock prices and slumping turnover but said none of them announced to quick remedies. The proposals, which the four will submit to the Japan Securities Dealers Association, include recommendations that firms increase dividends and lower minimum transaction units, and that the government reduce taxes on stock trading.

Russia Said to Reconsider Sakhalin Oil Deal Award

TOKYO — A Russian and a Japanese newspaper have reported that Moscow may reconsider the award of a contract for a feasibility study of oil and gas drilling on the Far East island of Sakhalin, heightening uncertainty surrounding the project. The Russian government awarded the contract on Jan. 28 to a consortium composed of the Japanese trader Mitsui & Co., the mid-sized American oiler Marathon Oil Co., a subsidiary of USX Corp., and the U.S. engineering company McDermott International Inc.

Very briefly:

- India produced 747 million kilograms (1.64 billion pounds) of tea in 1991, the largest harvest since the British introduced the crop a century ago. Press Trust of India reported.
Pioneer Electric Corp. posted a 5.5 percent decline in consolidated net profit, to 12.5 billion yen (\$100 million), in the three months to Dec. 31, on sales that rose 6 percent to 105 billion yen.

COMPANY RESULTS

Table of company results for various firms including Hanson, Turkey, Campbell Soup, Colgate-Palmolive, Lincoln National, etc. with columns for revenue, profit, and share price.

Vietnam to Reduce Quota Burden

HANOI — In a step toward economic decentralization, Vietnam's State Planning Committee will set import and export quotas for a reduced number of products this year, officials said Thursday. In the agriculture and forestry sector, the committee will set a target only for rice production. Export quotas for other major products such as rubber and coffee will be set by government departments, said an aide to the committee's vice chairman, Le Xuan Trinh.

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SPORTS

Arbitrator Says No to Elster, But Pena and Daniels Say Yes

NEW YORK — Alejandro Pena and Kal Daniels agreed to one-year contracts as baseball owners extended their arbitration winning streak to six with a victory by the New York Mets over the shortstop Kevin Elster.

Elster made \$760,000 last season, when he started slowly following shoulder surgery, hitting .241 with six homers and 36 runs batted in.



Kevin Elster struck out in his arbitration with the Mets, getting only what he got last year.

Navratilova Keeps Mum on Record Bid

CHICAGO — Martina Navratilova prefers not to talk about her quest to capture a 158th singles title.



Martina Navratilova easily blanked Halle Goffi, 6-0, 6-0.

SIDELINES

Trump Reportedly Seeks to Broker A Deal to Keep Tyson Out of Prison

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Donald Trump, the U.S. entrepreneur who was once a close adviser to Mike Tyson, wants to offer a multimillion-dollar deal to keep the former heavyweight boxing champion out of jail, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Canseco Held for Attacking His Wife

MIAMI (UPI) — The Oakland Athletics outfielder Jose Canseco was arrested Thursday and charged with felony aggravated battery after trying to run his wife off the road.

Winds Force Cup Postponement

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The America's Cup defender series race between Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes and Bill Koch's Defiant was postponed on Wednesday due to winds of almost 30 knots. The race was rescheduled for Thursday.

Oilers and Cowboys to Play in Tokyo

NEW YORK (AP) — It will be Texas time in Tokyo on Aug. 2 when the Dallas Cowboys play the Houston Oilers in the National Football League's annual exhibition game in Japan.

For the Record

Leroy Burrell, who has lost his world indoor 60-meter record to Andre Cason and been beaten by him twice this season, will try to get revenge at the Mobil Indoor Championships Feb. 25 at Madison Square Garden; it was announced Wednesday.

Rangers' New Ballpark: 'Cozy,' But Still 'Texan'

ARLINGTON, Texas — Baseball fans have been given a look at the new home of the Texas Rangers, a park described as "very Texan" and "cozy," where the spectators will be close to the action.

The Giants' Misdirected Way to San Jose

Club's Move Shows That San Francisco Is, in Fact, Only a Freeway Away

By Jay Mathews Washington Post Service SAN FRANCISCO — The collapse of the Soviet Union has helped to erase many geographical misconceptions in the Eastern Hemisphere.

So, TO SAVE their self-images, people in both cities talk about the Giants' move as a watershed.

The San Jose Mercury-News, the liveliest newspaper in northern California, and the San Francisco Examiner, a proud institution that always refers to its location as "The City," dramatized the dispute in an interesting way recently.

BOOKS

AMONG THE THUGS

By Bill Buford. 317 pages. £14.99. Secker & Warburg, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 6RB; \$22.95, W. W. Norton & Co. Inc., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10110, in May.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr THIS is a book about horrible people, the horrible things they do and the horrible things that happen to them.

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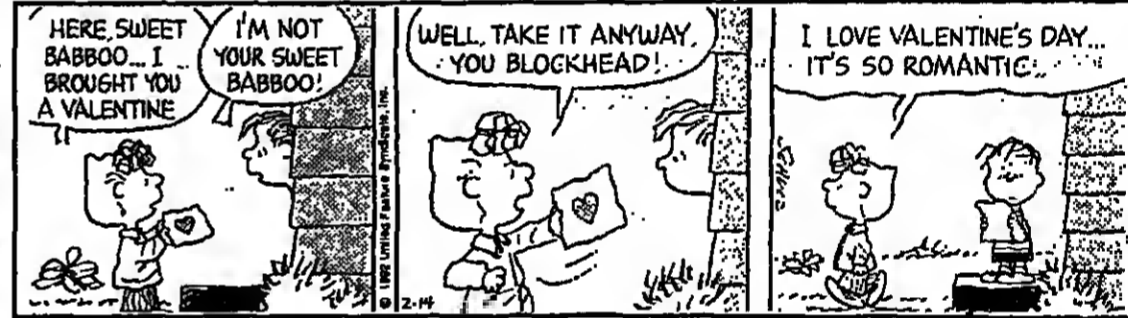
thing sticky and dark. . . His arms — doughy things — were stained with tattoos. On his right bicep was an image of the Red Devils, the logo of the Manchester United team; on his forearm, a Union Jack.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

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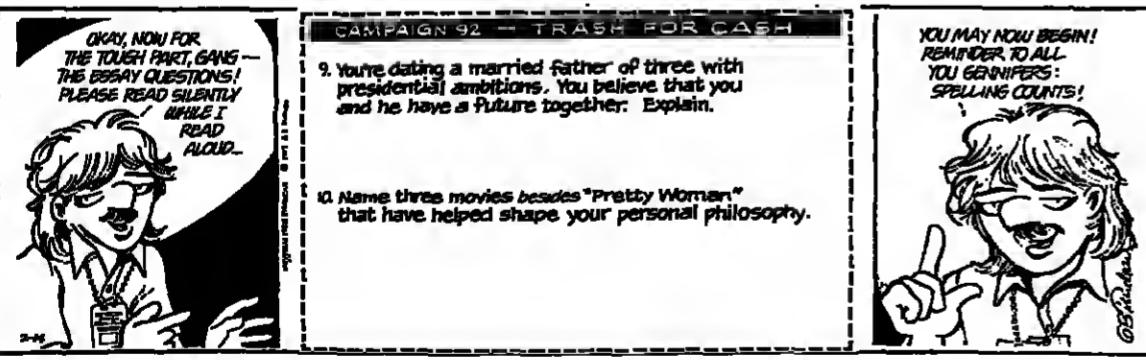
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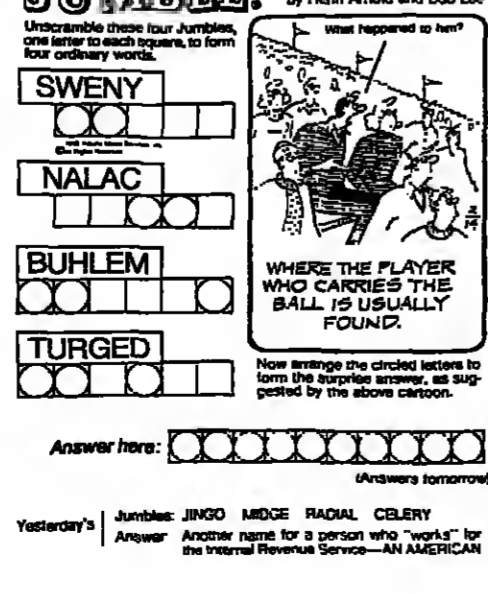
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SPORTS

Minnesota Turns the Table on Indiana

Freshmen Key 71-67 Upset of 4th-Ranked Hoosiers, Avenging January Loss

Minnesota's freshmen, overshadowed all season by Michigan's Fab Five, have grown up enough to turn a 50-point swing on Indiana. The Hoosiers, who were crushed 96-50 by Indiana on Jan. 9, beat the fourth-ranked Hoosiers, 71-67, Wednesday night in Minneapolis and two members of the Class of '95 were responsible. Voshon Lenard had 17 points and Jayson Walton added 16 for the Gophers (15-9, 7-4), who are still in the Big Ten race despite not being given much of a chance before the season with such a young team. "I think the first time our younger guys didn't realize what it took to compete in the Big Ten," said Arriel McDonald, whose free throws with 13 seconds left clinched the victory. "Now they do. We try to think of it as revenge. We expect to win at home."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

provided the final margin, led Colorado with 15 points. Corey Williams had 12 points to lead the Cowboys (21-2, 5-2). No. 4 Kansas 91, Iowa State 60; Adonis Jordan had 25 points to lead the Jayhawks (18-2, 6-1), now the first-place team in the Big Eight, to their 10th straight triumph over Iowa State at home. Kansas shot 62 percent and held Iowa State to 36 percent while outrebounding the Cyclones (17-6, 3-4) 42-27. No. 9 Missouri 67, Kansas State 59; Anthony Peeler and Jamal Coleman each had 19 points to lead the Tigers (17-3, 5-2) on the road. Kansas State (12-8, 2-5) took a 50-48 lead with 9:33 to play, but Missouri went on a 9-0 run to take control. No. 11 Arkansas 91, Vanderbilt 71; Todd Daye had 20 points as the Razorbacks (18-5, 7-3) ended a two-game losing streak and tied Louisiana State for first in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Vanderbilt (10-10, 2-7), which committed 30 turnovers, closed within 69-58 with 8:07 left, but the Razorbacks went on an 11-2 run to end the visitors' comeback. No. 12 Michigan State 76, Wisconsin 61; The Spartans (16-4, 6-4) beat Wisconsin for the second time in five days by the same margin.

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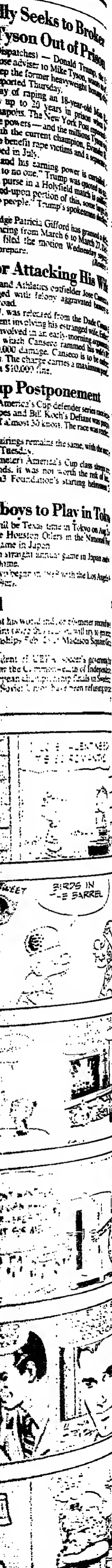
Table with columns for BASKETBALL, NHL Standings, HOCKEY, and CRICKET. Includes NBA Standings (Eastern Conference, Central Division, Western Conference) and various match results.

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Advertisement for International Herald Tribune featuring the headline 'For investment information, read THE REPORT every Saturday in the IHT.' Includes a graphic of a newspaper and contact details.



SPORTS 1992 WINTER OLYMPICS

U.S. Beats Finland, 4-1, to Gain Medal Round in Hockey Games

By Doug Cress

WASHINGTON Post Service MERIBEL, France — It's too early to suggest that another miracle is in the works, but be forewarned: something is happening here atop Mount Tignes.

Young, who suffered through the humiliation of a seventh-place finish in 1988 after such great expectations, "but we have to keep this thing in perspective. No matter where we finish in the first round, we can still be eliminated in one game with this new format. If we get too high, we could get beaten in this tournament."

"A lot of our success has to do with Ray's play," Pearson said. "The few times we did break down, Ray came up with big, big saves."

Sweden's 32-year-old Nashund, a three-time All-Star with Montreal, assisted on the 40-year-old Salming's goal 4:04 into that game. Salming, a six-time All-Star with Toronto, connected from the blue line for his third goal of the tournament.



Goalie Ray LeBlanc, making one of his 24 saves during the United States' 4-1 defeat of Finland.

Snowfall and Rain Make Rough Going

The Associated Press LA LECHERE, France — Heavy snow fell throughout the Olympic area Thursday, but there was no serious disruption of the Games.

In Albertville, at the foot of roads leading to mountain resorts, the speed-skating events were run in the rain.

2-Man Sleds Lose Kipurs And Hoppe

The Associated Press LA PLAGNE, France — Janis Kipurs of Latvia, the defending Olympic champion in the two-man bobsled, and Wolfgang Hoppe of Germany, the 1988 silver medalist, will not compete in the race this weekend, their teams said Thursday.

Only cars with snow chains were permitted on the roads to the Olympic sites in the mountains as snowplows worked to keep the two-lane roadways open.



Workmen relighting the Olympic flame, which went out Thursday because of a fuel supply problem, as snow drifted down on La Plagne.

2d Gold for Ulvang, 3 Straight for Finns

The Associated Press LES SAISIES, France — Vegard Ulvang of Norway became the 1992 Games' first double-gold winner Thursday by taking the medal in the men's 10-kilometer cross-country skiing and Marjo Matikainen continued a Finnish Olympic tradition by winning the women's five-kilometer race.

Ulvang, 28, the winner of the men's opening 30-kilometer on Monday, fell near the halfway mark of the 10-kilometer race and broke a ski pole. After about 500 meters, Ulvang was handed another pole by a friend who was watching the race.

"It was about seven centimeters shorter, but it was really no big problem for me," Ulvang said. He used a strong finish to clinch the gold in 27 minutes, 36.0 seconds and defeat Marco Albarello of Italy by 19.2 seconds.

Albarello fell on a downhill stretch between the fifth and sixth kilometer and lost his goggles. Christa Majback of Sweden finished third. Bjorn Dablie, a Norwegian who won the silver medal at 30 kilometers, was fourth.

"It went better and better toward the end," said Ulvang, "but I'm more surprised at winning this one than the first."

Lukkarinen, one of the late starters, finished in 14 minutes, 3.8 seconds to edge Lyubov Egorova of the Unified Team by 0.9 seconds.

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A large table containing Olympic scores for various events including medals, alpine skiing, speed skating, cross-country, slalom, women's combined alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, and hockey. It lists athletes, countries, and their respective scores or positions.

How Sweet It Is in Sweden Gustafsson Resists All Offers to Return to NHL

By Doug Cress

MERIBEL, France — They make cannons and hockey players in Karlskoga, Sweden, a small, World War II factory town on the North Sea coast.

Gustafsson actually quit the Capitals twice. He originally left after the 1985-86 season, but the team's general manager, David Poole, enticed Gustafsson back with a two-year, \$1 million deal.

But the National Hockey League scouts who make the trek to Karlskoga every year or so have no need of cannons and they can't get the hockey player they really want, Bengt Gustafsson.

When Gustafsson walked away in 1989, however, there was no going back.

"But in the end, I have to ask myself if it would be a good thing to play in the NHL again. And I know it would not."

"The season's just too long, and there's no way to lead a normal life," he said. "You play, what, 60 games or so in the regular season just to play 20 more in the playoffs. Then maybe you play 20 more, if you're lucky. That really started getting to me. I was always traveling and training and playing. I was overable to be a normal person."

The Washington Capitals were a big part of the reason.

"Some of the offers I have taken quite seriously," Gustafsson said. "Yes, quite seriously. I was considering a proposal from Detroit a couple of years ago. I mean, the money was really, really good. Bryan Murray was coaching Detroit and I had my eyes peeled for him for seven or eight years in Washington. It was a tough decision."

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"The Stanley Cup would've been nice," he said. "When I was a kid, I wanted to win it. From January to March we were always great, but by the playoffs, we had always peaked. While other teams were getting hot in the playoffs, we were always finished."

When out with Sweden's Olympic team, Gustafsson now plays for Farjestad of the country's Elite Division, and he was among the team's leading scorers with nine goals and 13 assists at midseason. But the combination of club hockey and national team duty has convinced Gustafsson that he can take only one more year.

Vertical advertisement on the right side of the page for 'SPC' and 'Just Gr... Speed Skiers'. It features a partial image of a person's face and promotional text.





POSTCARD

'Chippendale' in Java

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune
K LATEN, Indonesia — A seemingly endless stream of traffic jostles for space on the narrow road that runs from Solo to Jogjakarta. Villages crowd the route. Emerald-green rice fields, patches of forest and stands of bamboo fill the spaces between.

Creating employment is a constant and growing challenge in Klanten and in many other parts of rural Java. Lack of jobs in the countryside is fueling a mass migration to already bloated cities, where most manufacturing and service industries are concentrated.

Odd though it seems, Thomas Chippendale, the 18th-century English cabinetmaker and furniture designer, is making a small but significant dent in unemployment in Indonesia.

Chippendale's designs, noted for their elegance and intricacy, remain popular in Europe and the United States. But the cost of making his handcrafted mahogany furniture in the West has become prohibitively expensive.

When P. T. Alis Jaya Chippendale, an Indonesian company run on cooperative lines to reproduce Georgian and Regency furniture for export, began operations in 1985 in Klanten, it was very much on an experimental basis.

Klanten was chosen as a manufacturing site because it is a traditional center for woodcarving and craftsmanship. The forebears of some of the skilled workers at Alis Jaya were employed by the royal courts of Solo and Jogjakarta in Dutch colonial times when an artistic patronage by rulers was a vital part of local culture.

To provide jobs and income for the pool of latent talent, the Indonesian Ministry of Cooperatives teamed up with the National Cooperative Business Association of the United States to launch Alis Jaya, with aid from the U. S. government.

"We've been profitable since year two and about a dozen companies have started similar furniture production businesses to ours," said Samuel D. Filici, director of the Cooperative Business Association's program in Indonesia. "We have spread the seeds all over Java," he added.

In 1985, Alis Jaya had 35 workers and a small floor space; today, it has 1,500 staff in two large workshops, one in Klanten and the other at Jeparo on the north coast of Java. Exports, mainly of Chippendale-style furniture, earned \$1.4 million in 1991.

Sudadi, one of three senior carvers in the Klanten workshop, admitted as he shaped a lioo leg for a chair that he did not have a deep knowledge of Chippendale and the more than 150 designs that first appeared in a 1754 catalogue in London.

Still, his finely honed carving skills enable him to produce replicas of even the most intricate and graceful pieces from the original Chippendale directory.

Alis Jaya employs carpenters, carvers, machinists, sanders and cabinetmakers, all at wage levels well above the Indonesian average, although far less than a skilled worker in the West would get.

Under the supervision of several European cabinetmakers, the Indonesian craftsmen produce high quality bookcases, cabinets, chairs, tables, desks, sideboards, mirrors and other Georgian and Regency reproductions.

Thomas Chippendale was able to use mahogany in his workshop because the logs came to Britain as ballast in sailing ships that brought tobacco, a relatively light cargo, from the Caribbean.

The timber used by Alis Jaya is drawn from Indonesian state mahogany forests first planted by the Dutch about 300 years ago using seeds from Cuba and Honduras. It does not come from tropical rain forests, whose products are a target of import bans by environmental groups in the West.

Filici said that Indonesian mahogany plantations are harvested on a sustained-yield basis so that newly planted trees take the place of those cut down. "There's not a stick of rain forest mahogany in our furniture," he said.

Real America: A Russian View

By Patricia Leigh Brown

New York — The great leap forward in East-West relations is about to take a strange turn. Three Russian émigrés now living in New York have been shopping around for the real America. They think they have found it. At Sears.

Constantin Boym, a furniture designer, and his friends Vitaly Komar and Alex Melamid, conceptual artists, have issued their two-part manifesto: "Sears products exemplify the contemporary American aesthetic for heavy-duty beauty." — Komar and Melamid.

"Some things are beautiful. Some things are ugly. Some things are Sears." — Boym. "Searstyle" is a not totally ironic design movement that Boym is calling "the design alternative for the '90s." An exploration of what he termed the "visual and emotional heritage of Sears," it will be unveiled on Feb. 21 when his "Searstyle Furniture" exhibition opens at the Full-scale Gallery.

The next day, an exhibition of "Searstyle Fine Art" by Komar and Melamid, which will feature the Kenmore Symphony, a musical recording of the inside of a Sears refrigerator, opens at the Ronald Feldman gallery.

Perhaps it takes a non-American perspective to understand and appreciate the real Sears, the repressed Sears. "Of course, it is beautiful!" Melamid said of such all-American wagers from the current Sears catalogue as the Magazine Rack Floor Lamp, a combination of three objects in one (page 1342; \$109.99 for one; \$89.99 each for two or more). "Sears is the hidden treasury of America."

Boy, Melamid and Komar have yet to inform Sears about their movement. But like any self-respecting promoters, they have big plans. "Searstyle" comes with its own press kit and campaign button (though not Sears's money-back guarantee).

It also has a fashion component. The three have commissioned John Mincarelli, who teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology, to design vintage Searstyle clothes, including a mousey beige man's jacket with wood-grain lapels. (They disapprove of Sears's recent move to go stylish in its clothing department.)

A Sears spokesman in Chicago, told of the forthcoming exhibit, said Wednesday: "We obviously have not seen the designs so we can't comment. But we certainly would agree with their assessment that Sears is about as American as you can get."

The three friends, who grew up in Moscow but met in New York, conceived of Searstyle two summers ago while vacationing in a summer cottage decorated with Sears wood-grain walls, in a place prophetically called Vinalhalls, Maine.

"When you step into an American in terior, your heart beats differently," explained Melamid, who immigrated to New York 14 years ago. "We are interested in things that define this life, in the power of the environment. We're formed by invisible things we don't pay attention to, like refrigerators. So we try to capture the lost beauty of Sears."



Designer Boym: "Some things are ugly. Some things are Sears."

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Komar and Melamid's Searstyle art consists of grainy beige and brown lake-wood-printed panels ("hand cut from genuine plywood"). Each panel has a word on it, and they can be combined to form statements like "Oh, Heavy Dark Hot Sears." The idea is to let customers combine panels to their own specifications, as if they were ordering chairs, legs or cushions from the Sears catalogue. But the prices are not Sears's: the panels cost \$2,100 for the first three and \$500 each thereafter.

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Hands Off the Prince

A Japanese press association said Thursday that its members had agreed to refrain from reporting about Crown Prince Naruhito's hunt for a bride for three months ahead of his 32d birthday. The association, the Imperial Household Agency, called on magazines and the foreign press to follow suit. Reports last week said the most likely candidate for Naruhito's bride was Masako Owada, 28, an up-and-coming diplomat. The bachelorhood of the prince is a source of consternation in Japan. The country's press incurred the wrath of the imperial court last year when a magazine dared to suggest that Naruhito would have better luck finding a bride if he changed his hairstyle, and published 10 touched-up photos showing him with remodeled locks.

A spiritual healer said that she had treated the Duchess of York for back and neck pain under a blue plastic pyramid in her basement apartment. The Greek-born mystic, who calls herself Vasso, said Thursday that the former Sarah Ferguson, 32, the wife of Prince Andrew, sat on a stool under the pyramid to soak up energy in order to relax. A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said, "The lady in question is a friend of the Duchess of York, but other than that we have no comment."

Club-wielding police in Jaipur, India, sought to chase back thousands of people who invaded a polo field Thursday to see Diana, Princess of Wales, present a prize to her husband, Prince Charles. Hundreds of police barely managed to hold the crowd back as the princess formally congratulated her husband's team on winning the polo match 4-3. The prince, whose marriage is a target of frequent speculation in the British press, planted a rare public kiss on his wife's cheek in return.

Meredith Vieira, whose departure from "60 Minutes" last summer caused a tempest about the situation of mothers with careers, will return to the airwaves on "CBS Morning News" in the next few weeks, Eric Ober, president of CBS News, announced. Vieira will be an anchor, with Charles Osgood, of the oews program that is broadcast weekdays from 6 and 7 A.M.

Whoopi Goldberg has bought a \$176,000 property near South Africa's Kruger Park game reserve. The actress, who has been filming in South Africa for the past month, intends to build a lodge on the 21-hectare (52-acre) property to which she can escape between movies, her real estate agent said. Because there are no fences, he added, game animals wander through on their way to the nearby Olifants River.

John Singleton, writer and director of the gang film "Boyz n the Hood," was among the screenwriters nominated for the Writers Guild of America's top prize. The other nominees for original scripts were James Toback for "Bugsy," Richard LaGravenese for "The Fisher King," Lawrence and Meg Kasdan for "Grand Canyon," and Callie Khouri for "Thelma and Louise." The awards will be announced March 22.

The British rock group Queen has announced plans to play an open-air concert in London in April as a tribute to its lead singer, Freddie Mercury, who died of AIDS last year. Proceeds from the April 20 concert at the Wembley football stadium, will go to AIDS charities world wide. Queen was the award for best single with "These Are the Best Days of Our Lives" at the British Record Industry Awards. Best male artist, best album and best video awards all went to the singer Seal. Other awards included: best international artist, Prince; best soundtrack, "The Commitments."

The musician Lou Reed is to become an officer of the French Order of Arts and Letters, the French Culture Ministry said Thursday. The American rock singer and songwriter, once leader of the Velvet Underground group and now a soloist, will receive the artistic honor from Culture Minister Jack Lang on Tuesday.

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